The above figures do not indicate any widening of the gap between the average daily earnings of regular employees in the rural and urban areas.

UTILISATION OF MAN HOURS

2418. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details regarding man hours available unemployed and under emplolyed in India in rural and urban areas, separately, during the last three years ;

(b) what portion of the manhours available in rural areas is utilized and what portions goes unutilized/waste ; and

(c) what are the details of the utilized/unutilized manhours in urban areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) The information is given in the statement annexed.

Statement

Information on man-hours unemployed and under-employed is not available. Available information relating to the distribution of persons according to the number of days worked in an average week, based on National Sample Survey results for 1987-88 is given below :

No. of days worked in an average week	Percentage of Persons	
	Rural	Urban
0	4.79	7.88
0.5 to 3.5	2.59	3.19
4.0 to 6.5	3.82	33.52
7	89.80	55.41
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

CONTRACT LABOUR IN VARIOUS CHEMICAL UNITS IN GUJARAT

2419. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of contract labourers in various chemical units in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the total number of contract labourers in all the chemical industries in the State ;

(c) whether Government have issued any orders that there should not be any contract labours in any of the chemical units ;

(d) if so, whether the Contract Labour Regulation Act, 1970 is likely to be amended ; and

(e) if so, by what time ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 provides for the Central/State Advisory Contract Labour Boards to advise the concerned appropriate Government for prohibition of Contract Labour in any process, operation or other work in any establishment without having to amend the Contract Labour Act.

EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED REGISTERED IN EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES IN GUJARAT

2420. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Post-graduates, Graduates, Under-graduates, Medical Engineer-